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On January 9, 2006, a burglary was discovered at Sadies General Store in Firth, NE. During that burglary, \$7,900 worth of cigarettes, alcohol and other merchandise were stolen. Also discovered at that time was the theft of a 1994 Dodge Caravan from behind another business in Firth. In addition, a stolen 1993 Buick Century with stolen license plates was located in close proximity to the burglary scene. This vehicle had been stolen from Table Rock, NE on January 3, 2006, and the plates were stolen from Lincoln between the 8 and 9th of January. The stolen Dodge Van was recovered in Beatrice on January 12, 2006, abandoned. Working in cooperation with the Beatrice Police Department, Investigators linked evidence from the van to the burglary in Firth. For the past 2 months, investigators have continued following up on leads in this case. In addition to the crimes in Firth, a car stereo was recovered in Cass County. That stereo was removed from a 1995 Toyota Four Runner that was reported stolen to the Lincoln Police Department on December 12, 2005 from the area of S. 20th and Smith Streets. That vehicle was located by the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office on December 22, 2005, sans stereo. Today, Jesse D. Bennett dob 5/4/69 was arrested on a warrant from Lancaster County charging him with four felony counts; 3 counts of Theft by Receiving Stolen property and one count of Burglary.

Bennett is in custody in Cass County after he was arrested in a stolen van from Kansas near the Greenwood interchange on I-80. Arrangements are being made to return him to Lancaster County. It is unknown exactly when that will occur.



JESSE DALE BENNETT

DOB: 05-04-1969 600 185 Hair: BLN Eyes: BRO